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Abstract:

The paper concerns a configurable soft core of the 8051 μC implemented VHDL. The main goal of efforts undertaken during design of the core was the compatibility with the industrial standards 80C51 and 80C52 on the instruction and timing levels. It doesn't limit flexibility of the core's architecture, which can be easily optimized according to the current design constraints. The configuration capabilities of the core are grouped in a configuration package. That approach allows for separation from the indigenous part of the core, which remains untouched by a user and can be encoded in order to hide the VHDL code. Inside the configuration package there are several constants. Assigning values to them, the user has the opportunity to determine the core's structure (types of functional modules used in the core), RAM and ROM sizes, the instruction set, number of interrupted sources, number of execution cycles for division and multiplication etc. The core is independent of the CPU peripheral modules (e.g. timer/count I/O ports, UART, etc.) due to a SFR bus. Peripherals are accessed by the use of special function registers. The upper half of available addresses of the internal RAM is just reserved for them. Hence the communication between the CPU and SFRs is carried out in the same way as in the case of memory cells. The core has been proven on silicon. It was applied in the smart pressure sensor chip and 8031-compatible μC. The compatibility with the industrial standards was checked on a logic verifier, where original 80C51 and 80C52 chips were applied during test references.

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TITLE: Electronic device that controls the vailidity of information based on a selected function unit

Detailed Description Text (66):

It is assumed that the electronic equipment of this embodiment having the structure shown in FIG. 7 operates as the digital moving image camera/recorder and communicates with another node by supplying node information onto the 1394 bus 13 via the 1394 serial bus I/F circuit 5, under the first subsidiary communication protocol stored in the first configuration ROM (CR1) 8.

Detailed Description Text (81):

The digital still image camera/recorder (second unit) is reconfigured and the C & S register 10 is set use with the digital still image camera/recorder. Next, in order to change the node information of the 1394 serial bus I/F circuit 5 from the first configuration ROM 8 to the second configuration ROM 9, the address setting of the I/F control and address conversion circuit 7 is changed. Namely, since the configuration ROMs 8 and 9 are located at different addresses in the above-described address space, the address setting is changed to select the second configuration ROM 9.

Detailed Description Text (82):

Thereafter, in order to reconfigure the management configuration of the 1394 serial bus 13 under the reset state, the bus interconnection of the 1394 serial bus I/F circuit 5 is recovered. In this manner, the electronic equipment of this embodiment is newly defined as the digital still image camera/recorder having the still image subsidiary communication protocol, in accordance with the new bus management configuration and the node information in the second configuration ROM 9. This new definition is detected by the root node which controls the bus management of the system shown in FIG. 5, and therefore recognized by the system.

Detailed Description Text (88):

If changed to the digital video (moving image camera/recorder), the flow advances to Step S4 to perform the unit control corresponding to the system configuration of the digital video, at Step S5 the C & S register 10 is set for use with the digital video, and at Step S6 the address setting of the I/F control and address conversion circuit 7 is changed in order to set the node information of the 1394 serial bus I/F circuit 5 to have the information stored in the first configuration ROM 8.

Detailed Description Text (89):

If it is judged at Step S3 that the equipment has been changed to the digital camera (still image camera/recorder), the flow advances to Step S7 to perform the unit control corresponding to the system configuration of the digital camera, at Step S8 the C & S register 10 is set for use with the digital camera, and at Step S9 the address setting of the I/F control and address conversion circuit 7 is changed in order to set the node information of the 1394 serial bus I/F circuit 5 to have the information stored in the second configuration ROM 9.

Detailed Description Text (90):

After the processes at Steps S4 to S6 or Steps S7 to S9, the reset state of the 1394 serial bus 13 started at Step S2 is released to recover the bus connection of the 1394 serial bus I/F circuit 5. At Step S11 the root node executes a new bus

management process after the system change and recognizes the equipment of this embodiment either as the moving image camera/recorder having the AV/C protocol or as the still image camera/recorder having the still image subsidiary communication protocol, in accordance with the contents of the configuration ROM 8 or 9.

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PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Ray; Gopal C.

ABSTRACT:

An electronic equipment for communications with other nodes via a serial bus interface. The electronic equipment has a plurality of functions, and stores a plurality piece of information representative of the plurality of functions. The communication system selectively reads the stored information and realizes the function corresponding to the read information. Accordingly, communications suitable for each function can be executed via the serial bus interface. An interface control device used with an electronic equipment having a plurality of functions stores a plurality piece of information representative of the plurality of functions. The communication system selectively reads the stored information and realizes the function corresponding to the read information. Accordingly, the electronic equipment can perform communications suitable for each function.

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TITLE: Device control with topology map in a digital network

Detailed Description Text (18):

Returning to FIG. 3, step 408, after the self identification process, a device identification process is performed. During this process 408, DSS IRD 100 sends commands to all the nodes and inquires as to their respective device types. Device type information may be stored in and returned from a configuration ROM associated with each node of the serial bus as is known in the art.

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ART-UNIT: 273

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ABSTRACT:

A topology map for a digital system is generated and displayed on a display device to indicate the various components which make up the system. The various components are indicated using icons each of which represent a respective one of the components. A user specifies a source device and a receive device by manipulating the corresponding icons so as to cause a data transfer between the source device and the receive device. The data transfer may include the transfer of video data, audio data, or both. In a preferred embodiment, the digital network corresponds to the IEEE 1394 Serial Bus Standard.

15 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

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Sep 15, 1998

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5809331 A

TITLE: System for retrieving configuration information from node configuration memory identified by key field used as search criterion during retrieval

Abstract Text (1):

A computer system comprises a plurality of nodes interconnected by point-to-point links and forms a serial bus. Upon system initialization, the bus is scanned and device-specific identification information is retrieved from command and status configuration ROMs associated with each of the plurality of nodes. In one embodiment, a search routine is used to retrieve the device specific information. The search routine begins with the definition of an iterator which is used as a place holder during the search. A simple search begins at the root directory of a hierarchical tree data structure and continues until all directories within the tree have been searched. In more complex embodiments, search relationships (i.e., direction) parameters are defined. Search criteria such as node spec.sub.-- ID and software version numbers are specified and the search is commenced. The search continues until all matching device specific information entries have been returned. The device specific information can be used to load and configure associated drivers for nodes.

Detailed Description Text (14):

For an embodiment conforming to the IEEE 1394 Serial Bus Standard, each transaction capable node 12, 15, 16, 24, 32, 34, 40 and 44 of the serial bus implements a configuration ROM. The configuration ROM is a nonvolatile memory which stores critical boot information which is accessed during bus initialization as described below. The boot information is stored in the Name Registry and used to identify the appropriate driver software to be loaded for the node of interest.

Detailed Description Text (15):

FIG. 3 illustrates the general ROM format for each configuration ROM 50 of the serial bus. For one embodiment, the node configuration ROMs 50 reside within the address space of the serial bus in accordance with the IEEE 1394 Serial bus Standard. As shown, the configuration ROM 50 is divided into a root directory 52, various root dependent directories 54, root leafs 56, unit directories 58, unit dependent directories 60, and unit leafs 62. Thus, the directories are arranged in a hierarchical fashion. Within this structure, directories may have "children", "parents" and "siblings".

Detailed Description Text (17):

All directories in the node configuration ROMs 50 have the format shown in FIG. 4. The directory length parameter specifies the number of following quadlet entries in the directory. Each directory entry then has the format shown in FIG. 5. Each directory entry is broken down into a key field and an entry value field. The key field itself has two fields: the key type, indicating the type of directory entry, and the key value, specifying the particular directory entry, e.g., spec.sub.-- ID, unit software version, etc. The key type definitions for a preferred embodiment according to the IEEE 1394 Serial Bus Standard are shown in Table 1, below.

Detailed Description Text (18):

For an immediate entry, the entry value is the 24-bit value for that directory entry. Its meaning is dependent on the type of entry. For an offset entry, the entry value contains a 24-bit offset field. The offset value specifies a CSR address as a

quadlet offset from the base address of the initial register space. For the leaf and directory entries, the entry value provides a 24-bit indirect offset value which specifies the address of the leaf or directory of the indirect space. The indirect offset value indirectly specifies the ROM offset address of the leaf or the directory. Thus, using the key type and key value, a specific entry in the configuration ROM 50 of a node on the serial bus can be identified.

Detailed Description Text (19):

The present invention provides a method for searching the configuration ROMs 50 of the nodes on a serial bus. In one embodiment, a method of searching for and retrieving node software version and spec.sub.-- ID information is provided. This information can then be used by computer system 5 to load appropriate driver software for the nodes of the bus.

Detailed Description Text (20):

The search routine, in one embodiment, is provided with a pointer to the CSR configuration ROM of a specified node within the address space of the serial bus. Search parameters are defined. The search parameters correspond to the key types and key values defined for the node software version number and spec.sub.-- ID. Using these parameters, the search routine scans the address space of the configuration ROM and returns with matches for the given search parameters.

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(54) **DUAL ROM MICROPROGRAMMABLE
 MICROCONTROLLER AND UNIVERSAL
 SERIAL BUS MICROCONTROLLER
 DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM**

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A microprogrammable microprocessor that stores microprogramming instruction sets in a dual ROM configuration enhancing reusability of subroutine operations common between two or more instructions. A first ROM contains a look up table identifying the subroutine(s) utilized by each instruction. The second ROM contains the subroutines needed to implement the required operations for each instruction. The dual ROM microprogrammable microprocessor is used in a Universal Serial Bus microcontroller development system having a microprocessor, control circuit, and an interface to USB bus. The microprocessor system state and I/O registers are mapped to a system bus sharing the same lines with a control circuit. The control circuit provides an RS-232 interface to an attached computing device able to write and read data words to the system bus, thereby to control the microprocessor and associated hardware by setting the system state and writing/reading data from RAM. The control circuit is also attached to a Universal Serial Bus, hence allowing 100% testing of USB compliant devices and firmware. The circuit specs can be programmed in a Hardware Description Language which is



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[54] **COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING DIGITAL DATA TRANSFER, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR TRANSFERRING DATA USING THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND AN INTERFACE CONTROL DEVICE**

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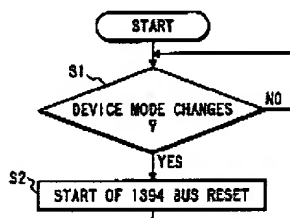
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An electronic equipment for communications with other nodes via a serial bus interface. The electronic equipment has a plurality of functions, and stores a plurality piece of information representative of the plurality of functions. The communication system selectively reads the stored information and realizes the function corresponding to the read information. Accordingly, communications suitable for each function can be executed via the serial bus interface. An interface control device used with an electronic equipment having a plurality of functions stores a plurality piece of information representative of the plurality of functions. The communication system selectively reads the stored information and realizes the function corresponding to the read information. Accordingly, the electronic equipment can perform communications suitable for each function.

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[54] **SYSTEM FOR RETRIEVING CONFIGURATION INFORMATION FROM NODE CONFIGURATION MEMORY IDENTIFIED BY KEY FIELD USED AS SEARCH CRITERION DURING RETRIEVAL**

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